

# Hongkong & Shanghai

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 1894.

THIRTY DOLLARS  
PER ANNUM.

3706

## Banks.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.  
AUTORISED CAPITAL £1,500,000  
SUBSCRIBED £1,120,000

BANKERS:  
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT ACCOUNTS at the Rate of a per cent. per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:  
For 12 Months..... 5 per cent.  
" 6 " ..... 4 "  
" 3 " ..... 3 "

JOHN THURBURN,  
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1894. [320]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorised Capital £1,000,000  
Subscribed Capital £500,000

HEAD OFFICE:—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:  
D. Gillies, Esq. Chow Tung Shang, Esq.  
Chan Kit Shan, Esq. Kwan Hol Chuen, Esq.  
H. Stoltzfus, Esq. Chief Manager.

GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Branches.—London, Yokohama, Shanghai and Amoy.

BANKERS:—  
The Commercial Bank of Scotland.  
Paris Banking Co., and The Alliance Bank (Ltd.).

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.

Hongkong, 16th November, 1893. [321]

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL £2,000,000  
CAPITAL PAID UP £251,000.15.0

BANKERS:  
CAPITAL & COUNTIES BANK, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE:  
No. 3, PRINCE'S STREET, LONDON.

BRANCHES:  
BOMBAY, CALCUTTA, HONGKONG AND SHANGAI.

AGENCIES:  
PENANG, SINGAPORE AND YOKOHAMA.

RATES OF INTEREST.  
ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS  
A Fixed Deposit can be ascertained  
on application.

Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

CHANTREY INCHBALD,  
Manager.

Hongkong, 6th November, 1893. [320]

Insurances.

THE STANDARD.  
ENDOWMENT  
ASSURANCE.

1. AMONG THE MANY ADVANTAGES of this form of Assurance, the following may be mentioned:—  
(a)—It secures an immediate Provision for wife and family or other relatives in event of early death.  
(b)—It provides a Fund for Retirement.  
(c)—It supplies an excellent Investment for the regular accumulation of small fixed sums of money.

(d)—The Surrender and Loan values are larger than under ordinary Policies.

2. AFTER THE POLICY HAS BEEN THREE YEARS IN FORCE—should the Policy-holder wish to discontinue future payments—he will be entitled to receive, on application, a FREE PAID-UP POLICY for a proportionate amount of the Sum Assured, as explained in the Prospectus.

Full particulars on application,

DODWELL, CARLILL & CO., Agents.

STANDARD LIFE OFFICE.  
Hongkong, 6th November, 1893. [321]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED £1,000,000  
The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on Goods, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

HEAD OFFICE,  
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.  
Hongkong, 24th November, 1893. [320]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON-TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000  
EQUAL TO £313,333.33.  
RESERVE FUND 8318,000.00.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS,  
20, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

MANAGER—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS OF GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the World.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.  
Hongkong, 10th December, 1893. [321]

## Intimations.

GEO. FENWICK AND COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE FIFTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the HONGKONG HOTEL, on FRIDAY, the 23rd March, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Manager, declaring a Dividend, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditor.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 20th to 23rd March, both days inclusive.

GEO. FENWICK,  
General Manager.  
Hongkong, 15th March, 1894. [322]

## WANTED

BY THE GOVERNMENT OF PERAK.

FOR SERVICE in the State of Perak THREE INTERPRETERS, Two on a salary of \$600 and One on a salary of \$340 per annum, on the fixed establishment.

The necessary qualifications are—

- I. That the applicant shall possess a good knowledge of Chinese character, and ability to translate Chinese Bills, Accounts, Letters, &c., into accurate English. (One who cannot pass this test need apply.)
- II. That he shall be able to Speak and Write English correctly.
- III. That he shall know at least two dialects of Chinese. For two of the appointments Cantonese and Kehi are essential and for the other Teochew.

Taiping, 21st February, 1894. [340]

## NOTICE.

WANTED a well educated CANTONESE CHINAMAN of good address with influence amongst Steamship and Machinery Owners in the neighbourhood of Canton; knowledge of Engineering an advantage. Good salary to the right man.

Apply first by letter only to

F. WALKER,  
Vacuum Oil Company,  
18, Wyndham Street.  
Hongkong, 13th March, 1894. [343]

## HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

### EASTER MEETING.

THE NAVAL RANGE is reserved for QUEEN'S COMPETITIONS at 600, 800 and 1000 yards. MEMBERS will not be permitted to shoot All Comers Tickets on this Range.

By the courtesy of the Captain Superintendent of Police, the Police Range is available for Practice this week.

ARTHUR CHAPMAN,  
Honorary Secretary.  
Hongkong, 20th March, 1894. [46]

## NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL ROTISSERIE will be RE-OPENED on FRIDAY, the 23rd instant, under new and experienced management.

The STRICTEST ATTENTION will be paid to the CULINE.

A STAFF of thoroughly trained and specially selected servants has been engaged and will be under the immediate supervision of the Manager.

Hongkong, 5th February, 1894. [498]

## NOTICE.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the KONINKLIJKE PAKETVAART MAATSCHAPPIJ,

are prepared to grant through Bills of Lading to Ports of Java, Sumatra (East and West Coast) Celebes, Timor, Sunda Islands, Dutch New Guinea, &c., &c. Bills of Lading for through Cargo from these Ports to be presented to the Undersigned for countersignature.

LAUTS, WEGENER & CO.  
Hongkong, 25th November, 1893. [489]

## THE PHARMACY,

55, QUEEN'S ROAD.

MESSRS. FLETCHER & CO. beg to inform the Residents of Hongkong and the Shipping Community, that they have now OPENED at the above address. The Store is managed by a thoroughly competent Chemist who takes every care that all DRUGS and CHEMICALS used in the compounding of prescriptions are PURE and FRESH.

FLETCHER & CO. have on hand a good selection of Druggists' Sundries and Patent Medicines.

Telephone No. 74.  
FLETCHER & CO.  
Hongkong, 23rd September, 1893. [283]

## D.R. K.N.O.R'R'S LION BRAND ANTI-PYRINE.

ANTI-PYRINE.

(DOSE FOR ADULTS 15 to 35 GRAINS TROY)

It is the most approved and most efficacious remedy in cases of HEADACHE, MIGRAINE, NEURALGIA, RHEUMATISM, FEVER, TYPHUS, INFLUENZA, DENGUE, ERYSPILAS, HOOPING COUGH, and many other complaints. It is also the very best Antiseptic. Highly recommended by the Medical Faculty. Ask for Dr. KNOR'R'S ANTI-PYRINE. Each Tin bears the Inventor's signature "Dr. KNOR'R" in red letters.

"DERMATOL" is the best Valerian; its effect in stimulating the closing up of Wounds, is described as amazing.

It has had at every reputed Chemist and Druggist.

Supplies constantly on hand at the China Export, Import, and Bank Co.—Sole Agents for China.

Beware of spurious imitations.

NGAI SHANG,  
20, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

RATTAN FURNITURE  
of Every Description.

CHAIRS, COUCHES, TABLES, BASKETS,  
CHILDREN'S COTS, &c., &c.  
Linen Patterns, Best Workmanship.

Rattan-Cots, Split-Batten, Canoe-Boat and  
Gondola-Whale Beds.

Hongkong, 1st April, 1894. [406]

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# HONGKONG HOTEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "KREMLIN"—A. B. C. Code.—TELEPHONE, No. 32.

PROPRIETORS..... THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

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THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

SHAREHOLDERS are reminded that the THIRD INSTALMENT of CALL, or up to FIVE SHILLINGS per Share on the Or Shares of the Bank, is DUE on the 23rd March, 1894, and is PAYABLE at the Office of the Bank, No. 4, Queen's Road, either by Demand and Draft on London or in Local Currency equivalent.

CHANTREY INCHBALD,  
Manager.  
Hongkong, 19th March, 1894. [373]

## BANK HOLIDAYS.

In accordance with Ordinance No. 6 of 1875 the Undersigned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on FRIDAY, the 23rd instant (GOOD FRIDAY), and on MONDAY, the 26th (EASTER MONDAY).—

For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA,  
T. H. WHITEHEAD,  
Manager, Hongkong.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGAI BANKING CORPORATION,  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

For the COMPTOIR NATIONAL D'ESCOMPTÉ  
DE PARIS,  
L. GLENAT,  
Acting Agent.

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Manager, Hongkong.

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## HONGKONG SMOKING CONCERT CLUB.

THE next CONCERT (probably the last) will be held in the THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL, on SATURDAY, 24th instant, at 9.15 P.M.

Chairman—E. W. MITCHELL, Esq.  
J. D. LAPRAIK,  
Hon. Sec.

Hongkong, 16th March, 1894. [370]

## Auctions.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

OLD CHINESE PORCELAIN,  
SILK EMBROIDERIES AND CURIOS.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION,  
SATURDAY, the 24th March, 1894,  
commencing at 2.30 P.M.

The Remaining Portion of a Fine Collection of OLD CHINESE PORCELAIN AND CURIOS,  
Comprising—

VASES, JARS, CUPS, BOWLS, PLATES,  
SCREENS, OLD LAQUER, BRONZES,  
ENAMELS, CARVINGS, SILK EMBROIDERIES  
and other CURIOS.

Catalogues will be issued prior to Sale. On

View from Thursday, the 22nd instant.

TERMS OF SALE:—As customary.

GEO. P. LAMMERT,  
Auctioneer.  
Hongkong, 16th March, 1894. [358]

## AUCTION SALE.

### HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND EFFECTS.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION,  
AT THEIR SALE ROOMS, 17, PRAYA CENTRAL  
ON SATURDAY next, March 24th, 1894,  
AT 2.30 P.M.

### A QUANTITY OF VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

Comprising—  
Hall, Drawing-room, Dining-room and Bed-room Furniture, Sideboards, Overmantels, Extension Dining Tables, Marble-Top and Fancy Tables, Cabinets, Easy Chairs, Rattan Chairs, Double and Single Iron and Brass mounted Bedsteads with Wire Woven Spring Mattresses, Dress

# THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 1894.

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**DR. FENWICK'S FOOD**  
FOR  
NURSING MOTHERS AND INFANTS  
ALSO FOR  
DYSPEPTICS AND INVALIDS.

It is specially recommended as an article of diet for NURSING MOTHERS as it will strengthen and support them and at the same time enrich the Natural Milk and increase the Supply.

INFANTS FED on this Food put on flesh rapidly.  
In two and sixpenny and one and sixpenny bottles at \$1.10 and 70 Cents.

AGENTS IN HONGKONG:  
**DAKIN, CRUCKSHANK & COMPANY, LIMITED,**

VICTORIA DISPENSARY,  
Hongkong, 12th January, 1894.

## FRANCE AND SIAM.

### FURTHER COMPLICATIONS AHEAD.

M. Le Myre de Vilers, late French Envoy in Siam, when interviewed at Paris stated that under the recent treaty the Saigon Court of Appeal will reverse the judgment of the Siamese Court at Bangkok, wherein Phra Yot was acquitted of the murder of Grouxurin and his detachment on the Mekong frontier; and meanwhile France will retain Chantaboon.

## FOOCHOW RACES.

(Special to the *Hongkong Telegraph*)

SECOND DAY.—WEDNESDAY, 21ST MARCH, 1894

The following are the results of to-day's racing:

The FOOKHIN CUP, value \$100; second pony, to receive \$25; third pony \$15; for all China ponies; weights as per scale; winners of race at this meeting 7lb.; extra; or 2 or more races 12lb.; extra; pony first raced in Foochow or Amoy as griffins allowed 7lb.; entrance \$5; One mile and a half.

Aristocrat ..... 1  
Autocrat ..... 2  
Recovery ..... 3  
Time 3 min. 26 sec.

The FOOCHOW DRURY, of \$10 each with \$50 added; second pony to receive \$25; for all China ponies *tous fins* griffins allowed 7lb.; entrance \$5. One mile and a half.

Monte Carlo ..... 1  
Buccaneer ..... 2  
Inspiration ..... 3  
Time 3 min. 26 sec.

The LOTTERY CUP, value \$100; for all China ponies; weights as per scale; winners at this meeting 10lb.; extra; ponies that have never won a race allowed 7lb.; entrance \$5. Once round.

Hard Times ..... 1  
Congo ..... 2  
Yatta ..... 3  
Time 3 min. 26 sec.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

DIVORCE is said to be steadily on the increase in France.

Iron and steel are made by native tribes in the interior of Africa.

H.M.S. *Leander* is now at Singapore and the *Pacock* at Bangkok.

A MOTHER, boasting of the smartness of her two-year-old, said: "Why, he will drop a hot poker as quickly as a grown man."

THE origin of the card-playing is uncertain. It is said to have been brought to Viterbo, Italy, in 1719. Cards were first taxed in England in 1710.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamship *Thames*, with the next English mail, left Singapore for this port at 6 p.m. yesterday, and is expected here about 5 a.m. on the 26th inst.

A REGULAR meeting of the Eethen Mark Lodge, No. 264, will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, on Thursday, the 29th instant, at 8.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

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## MILAN, ITALY, WHICH HAS AN INTERNATIONAL WORKERS' CONGRESS.

THE O. & O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Gaia*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port, via Yokohama, on the 20th inst.

In the Sessions yesterday, the two lions of the Hongkong Regiment, charged with conspiring to cause the murder of the Aswilar Nar Matakone, were acquitted.

THE foreign instructors now in the different Colleges of the Imperial Chinese University are: Law 3, Medicine 1, Engineering 3, Literature 4, Science 1, and Agriculture 4.

THE Greeks consume annually to each inhabitant five pounds of sugar and one pound of coffee. They make up the deficiency in wine, drinking eighteen gallons each in the twelve months.

AN Emergency meeting of St. John Lodge, No. 618, S.C., will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, to-morrow, at 4.30 for 5 p.m. precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

ARISTOCRAT ..... 1  
AUTOCRAT ..... 2  
RECOVERY ..... 3  
TIME 3 MIN. 26 SEC.

THE first junks carrying the Chekiang province tribute rice for Peking started from their anchorage at the south-eastern suburbs of the Shanghai native city on the 16th inst. It was expected that they would drop down to Tung-ting Island and then wait for the first fair wind to take them northwards.

THE trial of Phra Yot, the Siamese Commissioner who is charged with inciting his followers to the murder of Lieut. Grouxurin and a Franco-Annamite force at Kamman last year, was expected to be finished by the 26th inst. Now the telegram which we publish in another column indicates that Phra Yot has been acquitted and the French in consequence are again inclined to dig up the hatchet.

WHEN the new White Star line steamer *Celtic* left New York for England recently she had on board the largest cargo that ever left that port in one ship. It consisted of 144,000 bushels of grain, 9,000 bales of cotton, 500 head of cattle, 400 tons copper and lead, 100 tons of fresh meat, 3,500 sacks of flour, 5,000 boxes of cheese, 2,000 barrels of oil, 600 barrels of paraffine wax, 2,000 bundles of hides, 300 tierces of beef and 500 bales of hay.

THE wives of by far the greater number of the notabilities of the day—literary, artistic and scientific—are very quiet, unassuming women of somewhat humble origin and a great number of them have worked hard for a living prior to their marriage, says *Forget Me Not*. Two Royal Academicians married barmaids, several others married their models, two very celebrated R.A.s married two beautiful sisters, the daughters of a pawnbroker, and themselves assistants in the shop attached.

WHEN Rubinstein played before the Emperor of Austria the latter congratulated him to these words, delivered with perfect sobriety and composure: "I have heard Thalberg, Dreyfuss, Von Bulow, all the great pianists, and I never saw one of them sweat as much as you do." A mate to that anecdote is just been raked up: Schumann accompanied his wife to the Hague, where she had been invited to play for the King of Holland. The King was quite condescending to the pianist, and after speaking to him he turned to Schumann and said: "And you—are you a musician, too?"

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## DEPARTURE OF GOVERNOR ROBINSON.

Sir William Robinson, Governor of Hongkong, and Lady Robinson left by the *Empress of Japan* at noon to-day for a two months' holiday in Japan. A guard of honour from the Hongkong Regiment, with the band, occupied Pedder's Wharf, and a large crowd of officials and others assembled to see them off. A salute was fired from Murray Battery as the launch went out to the steamer. A *Government Gazette Extra* issued this afternoon, contains the following:

### GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

It is hereby notified that His Excellency the Governor and Commander-in-Chief Sir William Robinson, K.C.M.G., having left the Colony this day on leave of absence, Mr. O'Brien, the Colonial Secretary, was thereafter duly sworn in by his Honour the Chief Justice in the presence of the Executive Council, and assumed the administration of the Government.

ARATHOON SEETH, Clerk of Councils, Council Chamber, Hongkong, 21st March, 1894.

### A TAIL OF A CASSOWARY.

Dr. Hawe, of the Royal Museum, has just finished preparing a valuable addition to his Natural History collection, in the shape of a young cassowary. The bird was obtained in New Guinea when a chicken, only about two feet high, by Capt. Loft, of the *Drauwongga*, the price being an axe and two tempony nials, or something of that sort. Capt. Loft shortly afterwards presented it to Messrs. Windsor and Co., under whose fostering care it thrives apace. It was the terror of all the dogs in the locality, and when one was seen with about half a pound of meat missing from one side it could safely be assumed that it had been trespassing in the cassowary's compound. With its owners, however, the bird was amissibly itself. Its greatest treat used to be the feed of eggs provided by one of the staff after dinner, but the practical joking of Mr. Lindemann—who delighted in smashing the eggs as they gravitated down its neck—caused it after a while to view hen-fruit with suspicion. It got even with its persecutor later on, however, by swallowing the bigger part of a heap of round biscuits which he had left on his desk, together with all his keys. For some time thereafter the opulent bird was the object of much attention on the part of the coolies, but it gave no encouragement—indeed it only developed its sordid appetite, and took to embroiling from heaps of silver belonging to native clients of the firm, whilst they were being counted out at the office door. The curious part of the business is—perhaps on account of the fall in exchange—only a few salungs and cents (and of course the key) were found in its stomach at the post-mortem. For two long years the cassowary stalked about the wharf in dignified solitude, listening to the jingle of its banking account, and taking toll of the orange-hawker and sugar-cane sellers, and then its end came.

It suffered from obliquity of vision, physically as well as morally, and could only see in front. Therefore when it started to explore the Borneo Co.'s premises it fell off a plank into the creek. It swam straight off into the middle of the river before it got its bearings, and could start for the shore. It became *chong hong*—thought itself a swan, and used to go racing sampans. The last time it failed to take the necessary observations, and it is supposed to have started straight up and down until it died of starvation, or to have fallen a victim to a jealous sampan-man. Anyhow it was found toes upward near the shore the other day, with the five pin-feathers which it regarded as wings carefully pulled out.

The autopsy yielded about six per cent. on the amount invested.—*Slam Observer*.

### LATE TELEGRAMS.

CALCUTTA, February 26th.  
A public meeting on the currency question was held at the Town Hall this afternoon and was largely attended by both Europeans and Natives. Maharajah Sir Noronko Kisan presided. Raja Parsi Mohan Mookerjee proposed, Mr. J. A. Anderson seconded and Mr. E. F. Longley supported a motion "that this meeting viewing with the utmost alarm the rapid diminution in the purchasing power of the rupee and the greatly increased taxation rendered necessary by its lower gold value, calls upon the Government to use every effort to bring about a settlement of the silver question by international agreement."

The Hon. Suendra Nath Banerjee proposed, Mr. K. D. Mehta seconded, Mr. N. H. T. Becker and Modivin Mohamed Yusuf Khan Bahadur supported a motion "that it is imperative that the so-called home charges and the expenditure in India should be immediately and strictly revised by a Royal Commission composed in part of members of the British House of Commons and non-officials resident in India and that particular attention should be directed to the exchange compensation allowances lately granted by Government to certain classes of its servants and which, already absorbing the whole of the income-tax collected from non-officials, becomes more profitable to its recipients and more burdensome to the country with every fall in the rupee."

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Mr. Dabholkar Naoroji's name appears among the Vice-Presidents of the National League for the abolition of the House of Lords.

### CHINA AND THE UNITED STATES.

We get from time to time an inkling of the legislation which our brilliant Secretary of State and Yang You, a Chinaman, are maturing for the disposition of the Chinese question. Fresh from his triumphs in Hawaii, Mr. Gresham is

seeking distinction in the broader field of China. Under the pretence of making a treaty he holds frequent consultation with the Chinese Minister. How the latter has come to have a voice in the settlement of domestic questions in the United States has never been satisfactorily explained by the former rising statesman. Nations, of course, do make treaties, but they relate to international topics. To make an international compact in relation to a home question is to admit a dual sovereignty.

If China is to have a voice in the framing of laws solely operated in the United States, California is little more than a fief of the Chinese Empire, or, more correctly speaking, of the single province of Canton. But Mr. Gresham goes on dealing with a man who has no right to assist in making laws for our State, or to suggest any. It is known from the Sandwich Islands incident that the views of our Richelieu on foreign topics are very loose, not to say primitive. Mr. Yang You will not sit down with Mr. Gresham and engage in the formation of a treaty regulating the succession to the throne of China. The former considers that to be a subject that can alone be handled by the Chinese Government. He will not for a moment admit that the United States should have any voice whatever in the matter.

But our great and shilling statesman in the office of Secretary of State consorts with the Chinese Minister for the purpose of making a joint law in relation to the most important question which California and the Pacific States have to deal with. Any law bearing upon it we expect to have passed by our Congress and not by two men in a back room, one of whom is a Foreign Minister. It is true that their work, whatever it may be, is only suggestive. It has to receive the sanction of the Government and the approval of two-thirds of a quorum of the Senate. But the work is secret, is usually not open to public discussion, and in most cases is brought to a successful issue. As an illustration of the manner in which the Secretary of State considers the case, it is reported that he recently informed one of our Congressmen, it is supposed with an air of triumph, that the Chinese Minister had agreed to allow the law of the United States in relation to registration to stand.

There is no allegation that Mr. Gresham felt any humiliation in making the statement. So far as it was possible to read between the lines, he considered that this was a concession secured by his superior statesmanship. The questions that are coming up in relation to treaties with China are, it is true, novel, and to a certain extent without precedent. But this arises from the fact that they bear on local questions never before treated in these documents by civilised nations. The treaty-making power of the President and the Senate does not extend to all issues that may come up. There can be no mixture of local legislation in them, for anything of that kind is not only a surrender of some part of our sovereignty, but a usurpation of powers of Congress. Not long since it seemed to be held that we had deposited a part of the sovereign rights of our Government at Peking, and could not pass any laws in relation to the Chinese in our midst until we had induced the Brother of the Sun and the Moon to surrender it.

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### THREE FORTUNATE WOMEN.

WE will introduce you to the oldest one first. Her name is Mrs. Jessie Russell, and she lives near the city of New York, in America. She was born in London in 1787, and is therefore 106 years old. She remembers many incidents of her childhood, and still has traces of former beauty. Her eyes are bright, and beams animation when she talks. She retains her mental faculties completely. She descended two flights of stairs to every meal, and returns without assistance. Up to three years ago she was a regular attendant at the Greenwood Baptist Church. Her sight is excellent, and she reads the newspapers every day, and takes great interest in the news from England. She has never had any severe illness in her life, and her appetite and digestion are almost as good as they were fifty years ago.

The second woman says: "Ever since I was a child I have suffered from illness. Thirteen years ago a tired, languid, and heavy feeling came over me. The whites of my eyes became tinged with yellow, my skin was sallow, and hands and feet were cold and clammy. My mouth was tasteless, especially in the morning. I was often sick, vomiting a sour, frothy fluid. I had a pain in the chest and sides, heartburn, and flatulence. For four years I suffered like this, and I shall be glad to record the modicum that finally cured me." (Signed) (Mrs.) SARAH GIBSON, Glinton, near Market Deeping, February 10th, 1894.

The third woman says: "I have been delicate all my life. For the past six years I have always felt tired, languid, and weak. I had a poor appetite, a bad taste in the mouth, and pain after every meal. I ate, I was dizzy, and often felt as if I was going to fall. I always felt sick, and would retch and strain, but could bring nothing up. There was a dull pain at the right side and a dreadful pain between the shoulders. I never knew what it was to be well. After being on my feet for a time my legs would swell very much. No doctor was able to help me, nor any medicine; that is, up to the time I took the one which gave me my health back. I never felt so well in my life as I do now." (Signed) (Mrs.) SARAH GIBSON, Glinton, near Market Deeping, February 10th, 1894.

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### CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

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STATION.	Lat.	Long.	Temp.	Humidity	Wind.	W.	Wind.	Wind.
Whitewash	30° 41'	115° 30'	75	—	N			
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Gap Rock	30° 07'	139° 40'	75	—	ENE			
Holmes	30° 05'	139° 40'	75	—	ESE			
Haihung	30° 05'	139° 40'	75	—	E			
Bellona	30° 03'	139° 40'	75	—	NNW			
Cape St. James	30° 02'	139° 40'	75	—	RSW			

21st March, 1894.—At 10 a.m.

STATION.	Lat.	Long.	Temp.	Humidity	Wind.	W.	Wind.	Wind.
Whitewash	30° 10'	115° 30'	75	—	N			
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The Share Market.

LATEST QUOTATIONS.  
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—9 per cent., prem. sellers.

The National Bank of China, Ltd.—on Feb. 20.—paid up—\$250, sellers.

The National Bank of China, Ltd.—Founders shares, nominal.

The Bank of China, Japan & the Straits, Ltd.—nominal.

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Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B—2½ per cent., premium, sellers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C—2 per cent., premium, buyers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886 E—1½ per cent., premium.

Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$130 per share, sales and sellers.

China Traders' Insurance Company—\$60 per share, sellers.

North China Insurance—Tls. 185 per share, sales and sellers.

Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$132 per share, sellers.

Yangtze Insurance Association—\$70, sales and buyers.

On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 15 per share.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$185 per share, sales and buyers.

China Fire Insurance Company—\$79 per share, buyers.

Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$27 per share, sales and buyers.

China and Manilla Steam Ship Company—\$323 ex. div. buyers.

Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—40 per cent. discount, sellers.

Douglas Steamship Company—\$43, sales and buyers.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—76 per cent. premium, sales and sellers.

Gen. Fenwick & Co., Limited—\$22 per share, sales and buyers.

Hongkong Hotel Company—\$13 per share, sales and sellers.

Hongkong Hotel Co.'s Six per-cent. Debentures—

The Austin Arms Hotel and Building Company, Limited—\$4 per share, sellers.

The Shambat Hotel Co., Limited—\$4 per share, sellers.

Punjab Mining Co.—\$7½ per share, sellers.

The Raub Gold Mining Co., Limited—\$4 per share, sales and buyers.

The Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Limited—\$1 per share, sales and buyers.

Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin—\$70 per share, buyers.

The I-ebu Mining and Trading Co., Limited—\$64, sales and sellers.

London and Pacific Petroleum Co., Ltd.—n/a.

China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$180 per share, sales and sellers.

Lung Sui Kei Ning Company, Limited—\$35 sellers.

A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—\$92, sellers.

Dakin, Cruckshank & Co., Limited—\$1 per share, sales and buyers.

Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$7 per share, sales and sellers.

The Kowloon Land Investment Co., Limited—18 per share, sales and sellers.

The Hongkong Land Investment Co., Limited—\$52, sales and sellers.

The West Point Buildings Co., Limited—\$18 per share, buyers.

H. G. Brown & Co., Limited—\$81 per share, sellers.

Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—\$33 per share, buyers.

Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$92 per share, ex. div. buyers.

Hongkong Gas Company—\$20 per share, buyers.

Hongkong Ice Company—\$80 per share, sales and buyers.

Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$65 per share, sellers.

The Hongkong Brick and Cement Co., Limited—\$5 per share, sales and buyers.

The Green Island Cement Co.—\$85, sellers.

The Hongkong Electric Light Co., Limited—\$41, sales and sellers.

The Hongkong Steam Laundry Co., Limited—\$25 per share, nominal.

The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—\$62 ex. Div. buyers.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON—Bank, T. T. .... 1/11

Bank Bills, on demand ..... 1/11

Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight ..... 1/11

Credits at 4 months' sight ..... 2/01

Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight ..... 2/01

ON PARIS—

Bank Bills, on demand ..... 2/45

Credits at 4 months' sight ..... 2/53

ON INDIA—

T. T. .... 169

On Demand ..... 170

ON SHANGHAI—

Bank, T. T. .... 72

Private, 30 days' sight ..... 73

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MAILS EXPECTED.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Thames*, with the outward English mail, left Singapore on the 20th instant, and may be expected here on the 26th.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

The Messageries Maritimes Co.'s steamer *Salsis*, with the outward French mail, left Saigon on the 19th instant, and may be expected here on the 23rd.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The O. & O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Oceanic*, with mails, &c., from San Francisco, leaves Yokohama to-morrow at daylight, and may be expected here on the 26th instant.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer *City of Rio de Janeiro*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port, via Yokohama, on the 8th instant.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s steamer *Empress of China* left Vancouver on the 9th instant for Yokohama, Kobe, Nagasaki, Shanghai and Hongkong.

NORTHERN PACIFIC MAIL.

The Northern Pacific Steamship Co.'s steamer *Victoria*, from Tacoma (Washington), left Yokohama to-morrow at daylight, and may be expected here on the 26th instant.

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The steamer *Dryfesdale*, left Singapore on the 20th instant, and may be expected here on the 27th.

The D. D. R. steamer *Gorda* left Singapore on the 19th instant, and may be expected here on the 26th.

The N. Y. K. steamer *Hiroshima Maru* left Bombay on the 8th instant, and may be expected here on the 28th.

The steamer *Cardiganshire* left Singapore on the 21st instant, and may be expected here on the 28th.

The N. G. Italiana *Bisogno* left Bombay on the 10th instant, and may be expected here on the 17th.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Thibet* left Bombay on the 17th instant, and may be expected here on the 24th.

The steamer *Emeraldo* to-morrow, the 22nd instant, at 4:30 P.M.

For Amoy, *Amoy* and *Foochow*.—Per *Namoa* to-morrow, the 22nd instant, at 5 P.M.

For Shanghai.—Per *Ningpo* on Friday, the 23rd instant, at 9 A.M.

For Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, and San Francisco.—Per *Persia* on Friday, the 23rd instant, at 5 P.M.

For Europe, India, &c., via Bombay.—Per *Ariane* on Thursday, the 29th instant, at 11 A.M.

ARRIVALS.

*Cyclops*, British steamer, 1,363, Barr, 21st March.—London, via Liverpool 3rd Feb., and Singapore 13th March, General.—Butfield & Swire.

*Formosa*, British steamer, 680, T. Hall, 21st March.—Tamsui 18th March, Amoy 19th, and Swatow 20th, General.—D. Lapraik & Co.

*PEKIN*, British steamer, 118, Raymond, 21st March.—Amoy 19th March, General.—Melchers & Co.

*LOKSANO*, British steamer, 978, N. Monroe, 21st March.—Canton 21st March; General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

*HOIHOW*, British steamer, 306, J. Hardy, 21st March.—Canton 21st March; General.—Butterfield & Swire.

*TAKSANO*, British steamer, 977, Freeman, 21st March.—Canton 21st March; General.—D. Lapraik & Co.

*CAM*, British steamer, 1,330, Mathias, 18th March.—Batavia 6th January, and Singapore 9th March, Kerens Oil.—Wing Kee.

*CHANGSHA*, British steamer, 1,463, J. E. Williams, 17th March.—Kobe 12th March, and Moji 13th, General.—Butterfield & Swire.

*CROMARTY*, British steamer, 1,364, W. Duncan, 16th March.—Jahwa 5th March, Sago.

*JARDINE*, British steamer, 1,318, C. Bastran, 19th March.—Amoy 19th March, General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

*EMPEROR OF JAPAN*, British steamer, 5,004, Geo. A. Lee, 26th Feb.—Vancouver 5th Feb., Yokohama 20th, Kobe 21st, Nagasaki 22nd, and Shanghai 23rd, General.—C. P. Railay Co.

*EMERALDO*, British steamer, 966, G. A. Taylor, 20th March.—Manila 17th March, General.—Shewan & Co.

*FAIR*, British steamer, 117.—Hongkong Government tender.

*HONGKONG*, French steamer, 750, C. Bastran, 10th March.—Amoy 16th March, General.—A. R. Mart.

*LIGHTNING*, British steamer, 2,124, J. G. Spence, 16th March.—Calcutta 26th Feb., Penang 6th, and Singapore 9th, Opium and General.—D. Sasse, Sons & Co.

*PORT PHILLIP*, British steamer, 1,662, C. Grey, R.N.R., 16th March.—Salon 14th March, Rice—Doddell, Carlill &amp